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For: **IMPROVED SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD**

Enclosed are:

- (X) A specification in 43 pages.
- (X) Nineteen (19) sheets of drawings.
- (X) This application is a continuation of prior application 09/081,539 filed May 19, 1998, which is a divisional of application 08/834,194 filed April 14, 1997.
- (X) A copy of the Declaration from the parent application is enclosed.
- (X) Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- (X) Please amend the specification by inserting the following sentence between the title and the section entitled Background of the Invention: "This application is a continuation of prior application 09/081,539 filed May 19, 1998 which is a divisional of application 08/834,194 filed April 14, 1997."
- (X) Please cancel claims 2-30. *now U.S. Patent No. 6,067,462,*
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